

Oak Ridge Reservation

- Administrator Wheeler's December 2020 decision resolved a dispute among EPA, DOE and TDEC about effluent limits for radionuclides from wastewater generated at the current on-site landfill, and the planned Environmental Management Disposal Facility (EMDF).
- The existing landfill receives waste from CERCLA cleanup actions, facilitating the cleanup and redevelopment of the former uranium processing facility, and is reaching capacity. The planned landfill (EMDF) will receive waste from cleanup actions at the Y-12 national security complex and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL).
- EPA Region 4, along with DOE and the state of TN, are implementing the Administrator's decision and effluent limits will be protective of the most sensitive receptor, the recreational fisherman.
- The Scarboro community may have environmental justice concerns but Bear Creek does not run through Scarboro, and potential Bear Creek fishing locations are several miles away.